



Atty. Docket No. 30275-6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)		
Bo JOHNSON)		
)	Group Art Unit:	1762
Serial No.: 10/080,749)		
)	Examiner:	Michener, Jennifer K.
Filed: 22 February 2002)		
)	Confirmation No.	8409
For: COMPOSITION AND)		
METHOD FOR)		
COATING MEDICAL)		
DEVICES)		

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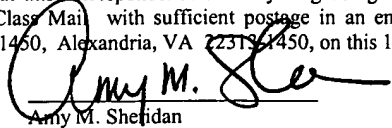
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is a preliminary amendment of the claims, and a response to the restriction requirement dated March 9, 2004, the period for response to which is extended thirty days to May 9, 2004, by the Petition for Extension of Time.

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